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Dear Supreme Court Justices:

I am a practitioner of criminal appeals. I have been a MAACS attorney since 1991 and have handled over 200 appeals. I wish to comment on the proposed amendments to MCR 7.212(A)(1) and (2) and 7.212(G).

In light of the time we wait from brief to decision, the time-savings proposed in the amendment is insignificant. I think the proposed change is more designed to limit the amount of investigation and research we can do for our clients, the length of briefs the Court has to read, rather than real delay reduction for the Court of Appeals. Was not depriving appellants who plead guilty of the right to appeal supposed to cure the delays? Was not making rules for preservation of issues stricter supposed to cure the delays? Was not elimination of Milbourne issues supposed to cure the delays?

Why to these remedies always impact negatively on the appellants? For real delay reduction, I propose that the state hire more judges for the Court of Appeals, instead of building more prisons.

Haiku for "Delay Reduction"

Opinion, one year.
Seventy days means
"delay reduction"?

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